

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 158
By Hackworth

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Debbie Baker, Monica Hill, Joy Bundon, Sandi Tomlinson, Brenda Fox, and Jan Bentley, on their selection as Teachers of the Year for the Clinton school system.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Sandi Tomlinson, Joy Bundon, Monica Hill, Debbie Baker, Jan Bentley, and Brenda Fox are such estimable educators, who have distinguished themselves as professionals of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, these women were recently selected Teachers of the Year for the Clinton school system, an honor most befitting their outstanding tenures as teachers as it recognizes the positive influence they have had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Sandi Tomlinson was selected as Teacher of the Year for South Clinton Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tomlinson received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and a Master's degree from Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a third grade teacher for eighteen exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Joy Bundon was recognized as Teacher of the Year by South Clinton Elementary School, North Clinton Elementary School, and Clinton Elementary School; she is the music teacher for all three schools; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bundon earned a Bachelor's degree in Music from Carson-Newman College, and she is certified in choral and instrumental music, K-12, and holds music therapy registration from the University of Georgia; she has also taken additional classes at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she has been a most gifted teacher for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Monica Hill was selected as Teacher of the Year for North Clinton Elementary School, where she teaches sixth grade; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hill graduated from Tennessee Technological University in 1995, and she has been teaching for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Baker was recognized as Teacher of the Year for South Clinton Elementary School, where she teaches fourth and fifth grade social studies; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Education from the University of Tennessee, and she received her elementary certification from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a teacher for twenty-seven years, Ms. Baker is currently working toward her Master of Arts degree in Education from Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, Jan Bentley was honored as Teacher of the Year for North Clinton Elementary School, where she teaches kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bentley earned both her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and her Master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Auburn University; she has been teaching for thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Fox was selected for Teacher of the Year for Clinton Elementary School, where she teaches fifth grade; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fox earned a Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University and a degree in Early Childhood Education from Mars Hill University; in addition, she has taken graduate classes at the University of Tennessee and Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Baker, Monica Hill, Joy Bundon, Sandi Tomlinson, Brenda Fox, and Jan Bentley are extremely talented and compassionate educators who work assiduously to motivate their students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, these teachers truly serve as an inspiration to their colleagues and students alike, and their friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know them; and

WHEREAS, as educators, these women truly epitomize the ideal of the dedicated teacher; they are wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sandi Tomlinson, Joy Bundon, Monica Hill, Debbie Baker, Jan Bentley, and Brenda Fox on being chosen as Teachers of the Year for the Clinton school system, commend their exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute their professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.